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SUBJECT: GOT VIEWS ON PROPOSED IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING

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1. NURES, MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DEPUTY DIRECTOR BILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) MARCH 4 TOLD ECONOMIC COUNSELOR GOT IS MOST INTERESTED IN US PROPOSAL FOR IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING BECAUSE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE GOT ATTACHES TO WORK OF IEA. PROPOSAL THEREFORE BEING CONSIDERED CONSTRUCTIVELY WITHIN GOT/ HOWEVER, LATTER SEES PROBLEM WITH DATES SUGGESTED BY US.

2. NURES SAID GOT HAS ALREADY SENT REPLY THROUGH TURKISH MISSION OECD AGREEING TO FOLLOWING SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS PROPOSED BY OECD SECRETARY GENERAL:

JUNE 17-18 OECD COUNCIL MEETING (MINISTERIAL)

JUNE 19-20 IMF INTERIM COMMITTEE

JUNE 21 IMF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

JUNE 24-25 OECD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

(MINISTERIAL)

GOT WILL PROBABLY SEND HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION, LED BY A MINISTER, WITH APPROPRIATE SUPPORT STAFF TO ATTEND ABOVE SERIES OF MEETINGS. AS OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING, AS PROPOSED BY SEC GEN AND ALREADY ACCEPTED BY GOT, IS TO BE IN JUNE, GOT QUESTIONS DESIRABILITY OF
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HOLDING ONE-DAY IEA MINISTERIAL (IF IT IS TO BE HELD) ON MAY 26.

3. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT US INTENDED TO PROPOSE AT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING THIS WEEK THAT IEA MINISTERIAL BE HELD ON MAY 26, THE DAY BEFORE DATES SUGGESTED BY USG FOR ANNUAL OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING. HE SAID HE WOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT OF GOT VIEWS SO THAT IF THERE IS IN FACT DISCREPANCY OF DATES THIS CAN BE ADDRESSED AT OR PRIOR TO MARCH 6-7 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING.

4. FYI. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ASKED IF COMMENTS BY NURES MEANT GOT APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE DESIRABILITY OF HOLDING IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING BUT ONLY HAS RESERVATION REGARDING DATE PROPOSED BY USG. NURES REITERATED THAT GOT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO WORK OF IEA AND THAT PROPOSAL FOR IEA MINISTERIAL IS BEING "STUDIED CONSTRUCTIVELY". END FYI.
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